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APPLICANT: EIGEN ET AL DIV
SERIAL NO.: 10/032,897 EXAMINER: JOYCE TUNG
FILED: OCTOBER 25, 2001 GROUP: 1637
TITLE: PROCESS AND AGENT FOR INSTABILIZING VIRAL QUASI-SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS AVOIDING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ATTN: BOX NON FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated AUGUST 13, 2002,
Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the
following two (2) inventions:

- Group I: Claims 47 to 68 and 70 to 72
- Group II: Claim 69